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Please note that for the previously submitted German reference DE 1,694,509, Applicants have submitted herewith an English translation of the abstract published on Derwent that was provided by the Examiner citing this reference in a Form PTO-892 in Parent Application No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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